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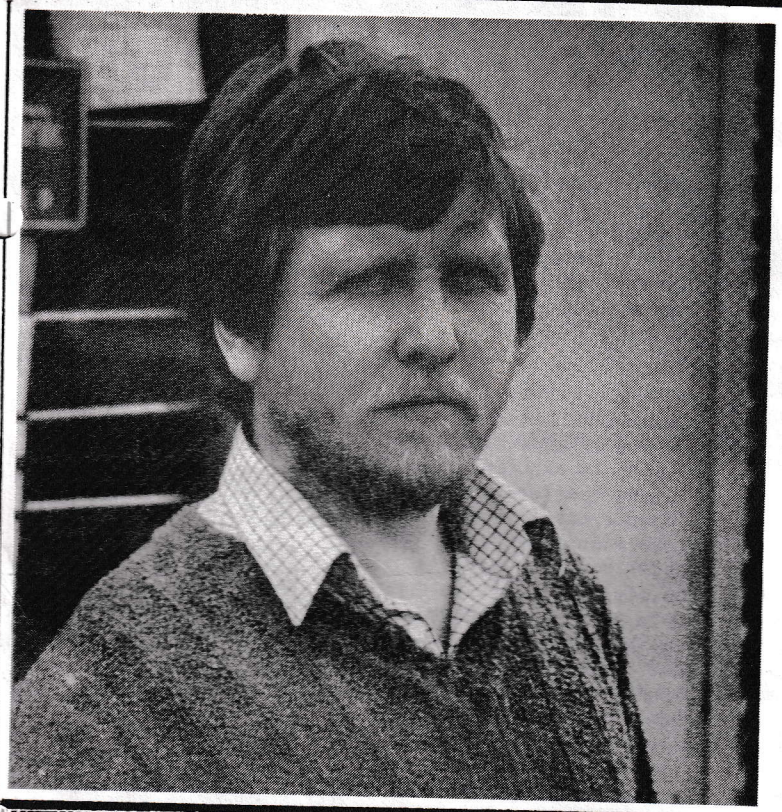
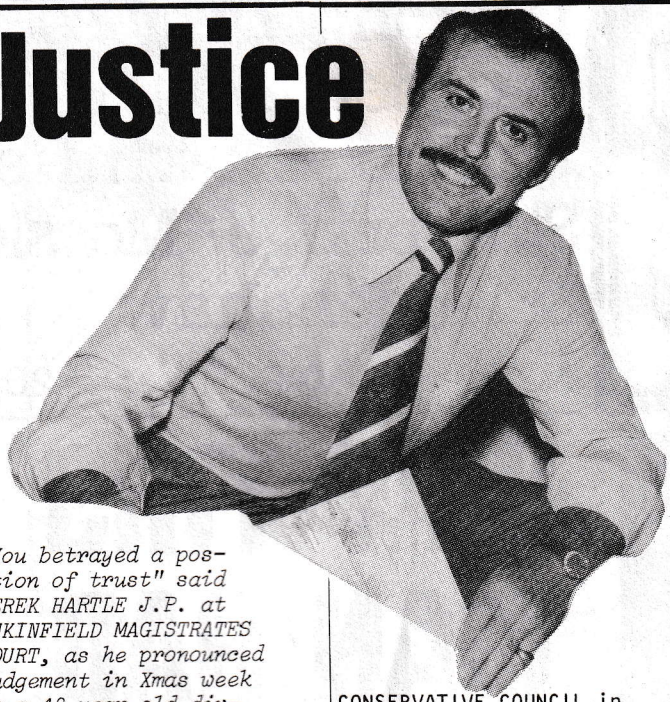


WHY THIS MAN HAD TO STEAL HIS OWN CAR!

The paper that's on your side every month

WHY DID THIS BOYS DOG DIE IN TERRIBLE PAIN?

Justice



"You betrayed a position of trust" said DEREK HARTLE J.P. at DUKINFIELD MAGISTRATES COURT, as he pronounced judgement in Xmas week on a 48 year old divorced woman with two children who had stolen £20 from a bedroom drawer whilst working as a cleaner for MRS. JEAN ROGERSON one of MR. HARTLE's MOTTRAM acquaintances.

The woman is now being prosecuted by the DHSS. MR. HARTLE is well-known to regular EYE-readers. He has been a prominent member of the TAMESIDE CONSERVATIVE PARTY; he used to be a millionaire and he is still the very wealthy owner of MOTTRAM OLD HALL (which you will remember, had been earmarked as a much-needed home for local disturbed children before the last ▷

CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL in TAMESIDE sold it to MR. HARTLE in a controversial decision that made headlines in national newspapers).
MR. HARTLE is a man of enterprise who has made hundreds of thousands of pounds from canny property deals as well as productive engineering.
Mr. HARTLE is, doubtless, a man of integrity. But should our legal system really put wealthy amateur magistrates like MR. HARTLE in a position where they are called upon to pass judgement on poor women who have stolen from their wealthy friends?
We'd be interested to know your views! □

Mel's mess

MEL HILL, boss of TAMESIDE BUILDING SERVICES may soon find himself at the centre of a big repairs row. For his electricians have left IRENE DYER of Perrin St. HYDE in a right mess: *the whole of one of her kitchen walls is live!*
The electricians told her she must not use ▷ her kitchen- and then left. She's still waiting for them to come back and put it right.
In another incident, at a council house on Broadbottom Rd, MOTTRAM three men from BUILDING SERVICES arrived one afternoon and removed a cowl from a chimney *but another team had only just put it there*, so they had to come back and put the cowl on again. □

Sods corner

PETER DEARDEN, well-off boss of EUROPEAN CONTRACT CLEANERS LTD. was not pleased with last months article revealing the low wages he pays pensioners doing contract work for him at I.C.I. HYDE.

Word has filtered down from DEARDEN's Stockport H.Q. that Powerful PIERRE is extremely interested in discovering the name(s) of our informant(s) who, we understand, could well be paying a visit to the dole office if Pierre has his way.
Not that his irritation isn't understandable. Our article has been circulating all round I.C.I. in HYDE and caused at least one I.C.I. Manager to complain to the company's own Personnel Manager about the pay and conditions of cleaning ladies working for their tightfisted subcontractor. □

Wardle

MRS. JOHNSON of K & J MOTORS, MOSSLEY rang to say that she has persuaded 'THE ADVERTISER' to stop taking ads from JOHN WARDLE, whose doings have been well documented in recent EYES.
MRS. JOHNSON, who is currently trying to get WARDLE to pay her back for a bungled dampproofing job, threatened to withdraw her own ad from the advertiser if they continued to accept WARDLE's. □

JOHN WARDLE

Leon's brief

At the recent Public Enquiry into the operations of HELICO LTD, Leon 'Biggles' HOWARD's MOSSLEY based helicopter firm, it was obvious that LEON's high-powered Lincoln's Inn Field Solicitor MR. PETER 'Rumpole' MARTIN was really putting his heart into the job. Among the classy overcoats and natty suitings worn by the assembled toffs, his shabby 'Dambusters' flying jacket stuck out like a sore thumb.
Maybe Biggles had dropped him in by parachute.
For more on the HELICO enquiry see P.8 □

TAXI.....

ROY FIELDING of CIRCLE TAXIS in ASHTON was puzzled by last issue's piece about his firm leaving a young girl in the lurch outside DRIFTERS DISCO in HYDE and CARRIAGES in DROYLSDEN over the New Year period.

"When I heard about your article I checked the log-book for that time, and though we did hundreds of calls over New Year, we had no record of a booking from outside DRIFTERS. Maybe it was a private agreement with a driver who dropped them off there earlier in the evening." □

SAVE IT

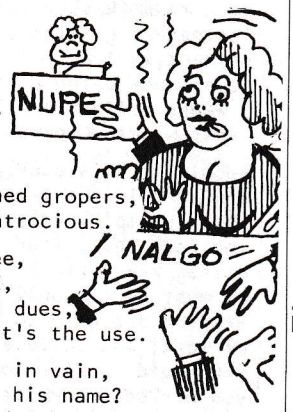
When they've finished their job of cutting down heating costs in our local schools and community centres the men at TAMESIDE ENERGY CONSERVATION UNIT might like to take a look at heating in THE DUSTBIN.
An EYE reader sick of sweltering in his padded DUSTBIN office brought in a thermometer one day and measured the heat at 78 degrees! □

Old pals

Rightly or wrongly, JOE ROBINSON of OLD RD. ASHTON, reckons that his suspicions of an old-boys' conspiracy were confirmed last month, when a fight being waged by JOE's LADYSMITH RESIDENTS GROUP against the bar-plans of the swank ASHTON LACROSSE CLUB came up in Crown Court.
For, giving evidence for the Club, alongside its company director-solicitor-magistrate members was TAMESIDE Deputy Mayor GEORGE HATTON. □

Who are the gropers

Apart from one lady who rang in to tell us that SPENCER HOWARTH of the TAMESIDE FINANCE DEPARTMENT considered himself to be "God's gift to women" (which hardly constitutes sexual harassment) our plea last issue for readers to expose council 'gropers and pokers' produced little response apart from this rather nice ditty



Is it fact or is it fiction,
Can there really be some friction,
Re: Harassment of a sexual kind,
We're finding this so hard to find.

We know we do not work in TAC,
Could this be why there's a lack.
Where are these paunchy, hot-breathed gropers,
That NALGO members find so damned atrocious.

The gropers and pokers we do not see,
Is it because we're members of NUPE,
We are thinking of saving our Union dues,
If we're getting no harassment, what's the use.

We're Social Services staff waiting in vain,
Where is our office groper, what is his name?
We've never been manhandled, its sad I know but true,
Perhaps what Members really need is a bit more work to do

Mrs. Jennie Lee, (Unharassed).
Social Services Staff,
Beeley St., Hyde.

Wrigley

After lying low for a couple of months, the rascally MOSSLEY businessman ROBERT "What planning permission?" WRIGLEY has surfaced again.

Mossleyites whose Stockport Rd. houses are next to 'WRIGLEYS MOTORS,' (described by WRIGLEY as 'MOSSLEY M.O.T. Centre') ▷ have had their peace shattered by the noisy comings and goings of WRIGLEY's antique lorries. The only access to 'WRIGLEY's MOTORS' is via ROUGHTOWN ROAD, a very steep and narrow road passing some of MOSSLEY's oldest cottages. Perhaps the Highways Dept should look at Roughtown Rd. with a view to sticking a weight limit on it.□

Curious

One of the more curious sights at the recent CHEMSTAR Trial at DUKINFIELD MAGISTRATES COURT was a friendly conversation between grizzled CHEMSTAR boss GEORGE BINGHAM and JOHN NEWTON Her Majesty's ▷ Chief Factory Inspector for the area.
Curious because NEWTON was the man responsible for the Health and Safety Executive prosecution that day, which eventually cost MR. BINGHAM and his fellow directors a £900 fine.□

Liberace on the rates

Two intrepid EYE readers went exploring in TAMESIDE's new £11m Administrative DUSTBIN in ASHTON recently. They came across a very large hall calling itself THE WELFARE ROOM. It was full of fitted carpets, new cozy armchairs, sofas and, at the far end, a spanking all-white grand piano!!□

Chilly gym

The money-making plans of muscular money-lender JOHN LEES have been causing hardship to the kids in THE STALYBRIDGE GYNMASTICS CLUB.
The Gymnasts are unlucky enough to share premises with LEES new HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE in the old Co-Op and LEES extension work has left the kids with no heating for the last six weeks. □

WOOF!

Dog lovers of TOP MOSSLEY beware! Don't take your four-legged friend walkies in the fields opposite the RISING SUN on STOCKPORT ROAD. We are told that local businessman GEORGE TANSEY of TANDOWN CONSTRUCTION LTD. rents part of this land from TAMESIDE to graze his sheep, and any trespassing Towzer, even on a lead, is likely to find itself on the receiving end of GEORGE's 12-bore.□

WHITE

AUDENSHAW Councillor EDITH PROCTOR stood up at a recent COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL MEETING, waved her bank book in the air and asked if 'anyone from TAMESIDE EYE' was in the public gallery.

EDITH was piqued at being described as 'white and well-off' in our article about racist health checks in hospitals (see EYE 29).

After hearing of her outburst we rang EDITH up and though she admitted to being white she told us that she was 'far from well-off' has a 'restricted income' and she also wants to make it clear that she spends a lot of her time 'helping the coloured people in my area'.□

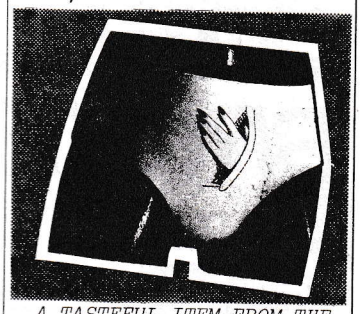
Whoa Dobbin

Ever wondered why some REPORTER GROUP papers come out on a THURSDAY and others on FRIDAYS? An EYE newsagent puts it all down to horses and carts.

Seems that in the old days when REPORTERS were delivered to newsagents by a man with a dobbin and bogie it took ages to get up to the out-of-▷ the-way places like GLOSSOP. So, they started delivering to them on a THURSDAY! Nowadays, REPORTERS come in horseless carriages that don't have much problem getting to Glossop, but the distribution manager obviously hasn't caught on, because some papers STILL come out on a THURSDAY.□

Split-crotch seat covers

Regular readers will no doubt recall with horror our series of stories about SHOPAROUND LTD. the MANCHESTER based mail-order naughty knicker company, who were reluctant to part with their exotic products after EYE readers had sent them considerable sums of money.



A TASTEFUL ITEM FROM THE SHOPAROUND CATALOGUE

Well, only the other day we were idly perusing the SHOPAROUND LTD. Company Accounts for last year when we came, with surprise, upon the companies official description of their principle activity. Which they say is.....
"The sale by mail-order of car-seat covers and head-rests."
Split Crotch car-covers?
Head-rests with built in leopard skin jock straps?
The mind boggles.□

Jumping the gun

DROYLSDEN estate agents HEATH & CO, rent-collector for SELKIRK ESTATES (who are big local private landlords), have been accused of implementing a rent rise before the date agreed with the Rent Officer.

TIN-BASHERS SACKED

SOON NINE WORKERS AT A SMALL MOSSLEY "TIN - BASHING" FIRM WILL JOIN THE RANKS OF BRITAIN'S THREE MILLION PLUS UNEMPLOYED. THEY WROTE THEIR STORY FOR EYE.....

"We are writing to let the public of TAMESIDE know about the firm we work for, HARRISON AND HAWLEY FABRICATIONS LTD. of WOODEND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MOSSLEY.

The conditions we work in are terrible. The 'toilet' is a metal box container in the old mill, with no roof on and rats and filth all over the place. The canteen is a six foot square dump - the rats eat all the food left in the dustbin (the floor) overnight. You go through a hole in the wall to start work in another part of the mill. When it's been raining you can be sure of waking up in the morning, the welding sets produce a good electric shock. The wiring is very primitive indeed.

It is freezing in winter because of the air - conditioning (broken windows, holes in the roof). The two bosses have an office you could grow tomatoes in!

On 28th January we got a letter saying we were all being made redundant in two weeks. Our boss said a man from the redundancy board would come to explain what we're entitled to. But no-one has come yet.....

On February 8th the boss offered us two weeks wages, three weeks holiday pay and various weeks redundancy in lieu of notice. But on Wednesday he gave one of the lads scraps of paper which had your name on and the number of weeks you would have to work your notice instead of getting any payment in lieu.

We are now being offered 1 weeks holiday and 2 weeks wages when we leave.

People in this country are down in the dumps about unemployment under the Tory Govt. (our bosses are Tories). But we must be the only workers who are glad to be out of work, and believe me you would be glad too if you worked for Messrs. HARRISON and HAWLEY."

SIGNED: Morgan Forrest, Melvyn Troy, Mark Hilton, Dean Lock, Garry Scanlon, Stephen Cook. Seven underpaid over-worked hard-working men, which could not be said for our bosses.□

BROKEN HOME

AN ASHTON MAN WILL BE PARTED FROM HIS WIFE AND CHILD IF A GOVERNMENT THREAT TO MAKE HIM LEAVE THE UK IS ENFORCED...

MR. KANTILAL MISTRY came to ASHTON in 1979 on a visit to see his uncle. Whilst here he met CHANCHILBEN and they decided to get married. In January last year they celebrated the birth of their daughter who was born in TAMESIDE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

CHANCHILBEN is settled permanently here in the U.K. and holds a U.K. passport, but under the now very complex Immigration rules, the Home Office in the form of Tory Minister TIMOTHY RAISON has refused KANTILAL permission to reside with his family in the U.K.

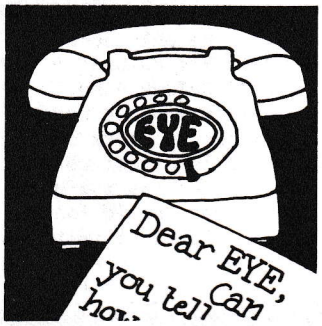
KANTILAL's world began to fall apart in Oct. 1980 when he got a letter telling him he must leave. Through a local solicitor he lodged an appeal. *But the incompetent solicitor sent his letter in too late,* and the Home Office declared his appeal in - valid.

Since then KANTILAL has ▷ been waiting for the dreaded 'Notice of Deportation'. He has contacted ROBERT SHELDON, his local M.P.,and gone round for nights on end collecting signatures for a petition. Everyone at CHANCHILBEN's work signed it straightaway.□

****More information on how you can help from: 35a Manchester Road, Denton. Tel:336 3359.*

...and also

IBRAHIM ISMAEL PATEL is IMAM (or priest) to a congregation of 200 at an ASHTON Mosque. He has just been told to leave the UK by the Home Office. It is the custom for people to be recruited for religious duties on a basis of mutual agreement; if a congregation likes a religious visitor he is asked to stay. Now the Home Office, evidently ignorant of Muslim practice, is blocking IBRAHIM's application to stay in the U.K.□



Pending

Work on the fire-damaged ELLISON HOUSE tower block in West Park, ASHTON, is, after six months, still unfinished.

After a further complaint from Ellison House tenant MRS. JONES, we contacted DIRECT WORKS: a MR. HARRISON at first claimed the work HAD been completed. But he later admitted lifts were still out of action, and no redecoration had been carried out.

So why, after six months, are residents still faced with blackened walls?

MR. HARRISON says it is all due to the hand-rail which is on order. No decorating will be done until it is delivered.□

NO JOBS JUSTICE

DROYLSDEN man JOHN STELFOX, a young labourer at TAMESIDE HIGHWAYS DEPT. was sacked last year for delivering used council flagstones to a private house - on the orders of his boss. Now the same Dept. have drawn up plans to open up a 'sales outlet' for used flagstones 'to create jobs'

The whole sorry tale of JOHN STELFOX being sacked and taken to court, and - in the words of his solicitor - being made into a 'scapegoat' for a 'corrupt racket' run by his boss appeared in EYE 24, last July. Despite appeals STELFOX has not been reinstated. Now he, and the others who lost their jobs alongside him must be wondering whether there's *any* justice in the world.

Just before Christmas the councils POLICY AND RES - OURCES COMMITTEE solemnly approved a lengthy proposal to sell obsolete or salvaged materials to the public ' to enable several unemployed persons to form a workers' co-operative.'

All very laudable, but as the councillors themselves admit, 'stone flags are currently being sold direct from site' most successfully.

It would have been simpler and a lot more honest to keep JOHN STELFOX on.□

Snippets

QUOTE OF THE MONTH, from the ASHTON REPORTER about Labour Council Leader, ROY OLDHAM:
" As leader all decisions stem from him ... in effect he holds the future of 210,000 Tamesiders in the palm of his hand." *GOSH!*□

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ULTRA-DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL high-ups of the YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEPT. have been re-organised, after a meeting between Councillors and senior Officers held in a *Pub!* Lack of consultation has incensed their staff.□

'Why I stole my own car..'

The curious case of MR. JAY, MR. MEAGHER and some missing money. OR.....Why an angry ASHTON Newsagent stole his own car back off a wealthy AUDENSHAW C.B. dealer.

MR. TOM MEAGHER, a newsagent on MOSSLEY RD. ASHTON advertised his landrover in THE REPORTER in JANUARY for £1,000 o.n.o.
Next day, PHILIP JAY (a C.B. dealer and former garage owner) of 1 TRAFALGAR HOUSE, AUDENSHAW ROAD, AUDENSHAW arrived at MR. MEAGHERS shop in an expensive suit and a 3-litre TURBO CAPRI.
He offered £825 cash-on-the-nail for the car.
TOM MEAGHER accepted and PHILIP JAY then drove off in the landrover with all the documents except the M.O.T. leaving behind a £25 cash deposit, a cheque as surety for the rest and a promise to return that evening with the balance in cash.

HE DIDN'T.

Instead he 'phoned MR. MEAGHER to say he could not lay his hands on the cash that day but would bring it first thing on Monday.

HE DIDN'T.

On Monday night MR. JAY rang to say he was 'stuck in BIRMINGHAM' but would bring the money the next day.

HE DIDN'T.

This went on for a week. Eventually, MR. MEAGHER decided to cash MR.JAY's surety cheque.
The bank refused saying they had 'received no instructions from MR. JAY'

TOM MEAGHER then went round to MR. JAY's luxury flat. A 'well-dressed attractive woman' answered the door and said JAY was still in BIRMINGHAM. The landrover was parked round the back of the flat.
MR. MEAGHER then asked a friend about MR.JAY. He said that MR. JAY had been connected with car dealers called AUTOBAHN LTD on AUDENSHAW RD. who had ' a record.'

In fact, JAY was a founding DIRECTOR of AUTOBAHN LTD. in 1979 with relative BOLESLAW JAY of BOYDS WALK, DUKINFIELD and PETER JACKSON of TURNLEE DRIVE, GLOSS.

In February 1980 AUTOBAHN were fined £300 and £784.86p costs at ASHTON MAGISTRATES on two counts of 'supplying a motor vehicle in an unlawful condition' and 'giving false indications as to the price of the car.' In MAY last year AUTOBAHN was up in court again for 'supplying a motor vehicle with a false odometer reading' and were fined £100 and £45 costs.

TOM MEAGHER got a friend to ask for a landrover at AUTOBAHN. The sales- man said they had one but it wasn't at the garage and indicated that it was 'over there' in the direction of MR.JAY's flat.

That same day a 'lad' who said he worked for MR. JAY arrived at MR. MEAGHER's flat in the TURBO CAPRI with an envelope containing £200 in cash and a request for the M.O.T. that was still in MR. MEAGER's possession.

Car firm must pay £1,000 after trio of offences

AUTOBAHN LTD., of Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw, has been fined a total of £300, and ordered to pay costs and compensation amounting to £784.86, for two offences of supplying a motor vehicle in an unlawful condition, and one of giving false indication as to the price of a car.

Representing the firm, Mr Paul Chambers entered a plea of guilty ... three offences at Ashton ... Court on Wed... ed that on ... Peter ... rive, ... and the paper actually coming out.
When Mrs Measor got the car home, however, she found that two of the tyres needed replacing, a new exhaust required ... the ...

The firm MR. JAY is no longer connected with.

MR. MEAGHER established that the lad also worked for AUTOBAHN and decided then and there to retrieve his car. He followed the CAPRI back to AUTOBAHN and demanded his car back. The salesman said it was 'at the flat' MR. MEAGHER demanded his keys. The salesman looked on the board but couldn't find them.

MR. MEAGHER then tore up MR. JAY's cheque, returned the deposit, took a set of ALLEGRO keys (most keys will fit a landrover) drove round to the flat and stole back his own car. When he arrived back home he saw a Landrover advertised for sale in the EVENING NEWS for £1500. The number given in the ad was MR. JAY's flat.

Furious, MR. MEAGHER then set about getting his documents back. He persuaded a number of friends to ring the flat enquiring about the advertised landrover. MR JAY arrived that same night but MR. MEAGHER was out.

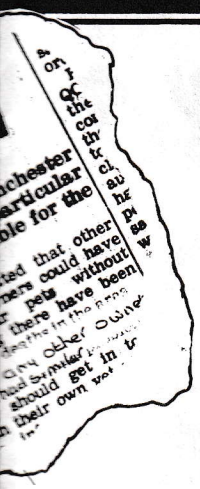
He returned, with his HI-FI dealer friend MR. METTA on Friday. He said he had the rest of the cash MR. MEAGHER refused the offer and angrily demanded his documents back. They agreed to meet back at MR. JAY's flat 'in an hour.' MR. MEAGHER arrived ¾ of an hour early. He got his documents back and soon after sold the landrover. □

...and what Mr. Jay had to say

We rang MR. JAY's flat to get his side of this curious story. MR. METTA answered the phone. He was angry that MR. MEAGHER had contacted us. He argued that MR. MEAGHER had cost him £200 for the work that had been done to the car whilst it was in MR. JAY's possession. We rang later and spoke to MR. JAY who explained that he and MR. METTA had been at a BIRMINGHAM EXHIBITION for four days, working 18 hours a day and this explained the delay in paying MR. MEAGHER the first week.
And the second week ?
He couldn't explain that, he said.
He wanted the landrover to make urgent C.B. deliveries in the bad weather because two of his vehicles had broken down.

Yes, he had advertised it for sale in the EVENING NEWS because the vital deliveries had been made by then.
He reckoned that MR. MEAGHER only took the car back because he saw how much it had been improved by himself, MR.JAY.

There was NO connection between himself and AUTOBAHN he said. He resigned as a Director last October now he simply leased the AUTOBAHN site to the garage.
The £200 cash he tried to give MR. MEAGHER via his young employee had come from AUTOBAHN but this was because the company owed him some money.
MR. MEAGHER said MR. JAY had threatened him with violence if he didn't return the documents.
"And if MR. MEAGHER goes to print on this" said MR. JAY "we'll sue him." □



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geries all over TAME - SIDE. DR. GOURLEY eventually diagnosed poison.

Suspecting the meat, MR. BENNETT rang up DAVID SCAFE the owner of CAVALIER PET FOODS.

MR. SCAFE told MR. BENNETT that he had had no other complaints from people in that area, and that his pets were probably suffering from the after-effects from the CHEMSTAR Chemical explosion at nearby CARR-BROOK. Soon after MR. BENNETT's second cat died.

DR. GOURLEY recalled a similar case to MR. BENNETT's and put him in touch with ERIKA WRAZIN who lives on the MOTTRAM RISE estate in STALYBRIDGE. Eight months earlier one of her pedigree dogs and two of her cats had died in exactly the same circumstances as MR. BENNETTS pets, shortly after being fed with meat from CAVALIER. MRS. WRAZIN had contacted MR. SCAFE at the time, and she was now in contact with NEDA HEYWOOD of SADDLE-WORTH another CAVALIER customer whose pets had died. The three of them agreed to contact the EVENING NEWS and THE REPORTER who ran a watered-down version of their story (see inset). They didn't mention any possible connection with CAVALIER MEAT.

Their articles produced phone calls and letters from pet owners ▷

OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CATS AND DOGS IN TAMESIDE, MIDDLETON, WILMSLOW AND OLDHAM DIED IN AGONY VOMITING UP THEIR STOMACHS. THEIR OWNERS ARE WORRIED THAT THE CAUSE WAS POISONED MEAT SUPPLIED TO A BLACKBURN RETAILER FROM AN ASHTON WHOLESALER.

EYE EXAMINES THESE WORRIES, INTERVIEWS THE MEAT SUPPLIERS UNDER SUSPICION AND LOOKS AT ALL THE FACTS IN.....

the case of the poisoned pets

A boy and his dog "Alice" shortly before she died horribly last December.

all over GREATER MANCHESTER.▷

MR. & MRS. HODGESON of MIDDLETON bought pet ▷

food from CAVALIER on DEC.8th but didn't open it until after Christmas. On New Year's day the first of their three cats died. The other two followed within days. They all exhibited the same symptoms as MR. BENETTS, MRS. WRAZIN's and NEDA HEYWOOD's pets.

MRS. HODGESON's vet MRS. LIZ SIMMS had also bought food from CAVALIER for a period of nine months without trouble until she opened and used a batch that arrived in mid-January. Three kittens died within hours MRS. SIMMS immediately got in touch with DAVID SCAFE who took the meat back saying he was going to feed his own pets with it. MR.SCAFE told MRS. SIMMS that he had got that particular batch of meat from ASHTON MEAT AND PORK SUPPLIES LTD of GUIDE BRIDGE. He also assured her that his meat was "*fit for human consumption*". MRS. SIMMS has no doubt that her pets died from some sort of poisoning. This view is shared by DR. GOURLEY and a lady pet owner in STOCKPORT who is a biochemist and conducted her own autopsy on her dead pet, and "burnt her hand" on the contents of the stomach. When I spoke to MRS. SIMMS she insisted that there was as yet NO ABSOLUTE SCIENTIFIC PROOF that the source of the poison was in the meat from CAVALIER.

'our meat is not poisoned'

AFTER TALKING TO VETS AND PET OWNERS WE RANG MR. DAVID SCAFE OWNER OF CAVALIER PET FOODS AND MR. BOLTON A PARTNER IN ASHTON PORK AND MEAT SUPPLIES OF SOUTH ST. ASHTON.

MR. BOLTON told us that he got his meat certified "fit for human consumption" from the abbatoir. He was certain that no poisoned meat had been delivered to CAVALIER or indeed anywhere else from his company, because he and his partners took samples of each days meat to feed to their own pets.

We then rang MR. DAVID SCAFE of CAVALIER. He confirmed that meat supplied to the dog owners we had spoken to had come from ASHTON MEAT AND PORK SUPPLIES. The notion that meat from CAVALIER had poisoned pets was "pure conjecture" until scientific analysis currently being undertaken produced conclusive evidence one way or another. He had fed his own pets on meat returned by MRS. SIMMS without ill-effect. He himself is convinced that his meat was not responsible for the plague of pet deaths but there was he added,"always that possibility." Mr.Scafe was convinced that his meat was not the only common factor in the deaths but "I will not name other peoples products" he said. He has, however, stopped supplying that particular variety of meat until the current tests produce their findings.

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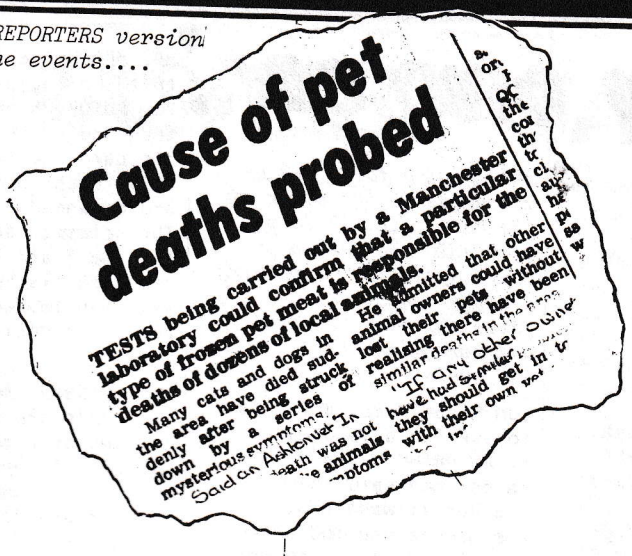

Cause of pet deaths probed

TESTS being carried out by a Manchester laboratory could confirm that a particular type of frozen pet meat is responsible for the deaths of dozens of local animals.

Many cats and dogs in the area have died suddenly after being struck down by a series of mysterious symptoms. Said an Ashtonvet "In death was not animals symptoms

He admitted that other animal owners could have lost their pets without realising there have been similar deaths in the area. "If one other owner have had similar they should get in with their own

ON TUESDAY THE EIGHTH OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR DEREK BENNETT OF ARLIES LANE IN STALYBRIDGE HAD A BULK DELIVERY OF PET FOOD FROM CAVALIER PET FOODS OF BLACKBURN . HE FED ONE OF HIS PEDIGREE CATS WITH THE NEW FOOD THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY.
NEXT DAY THE CAT FELL SERIOUSLY ILL.....

It was drooling and appeared to have something stuck in its throat.
his vet diagnosed flu.
By the weekend its body temperature had plummeted, it could hardly breathe, and it was producing white

romit.
By Sunday evening it was dead.
A few days later DEREK BENNETT's other cat fell ill with the same symptoms. This time he consulted a different vet, DR. J. GOURLEY who has surgeries all over TAME - SIDE. DR. GOURLEY eventually diagnosed poison.

Suspecting the meat, MR. BENNETT rang up DAVID SCAFE the owner of CAVALIER PET FOODS.

MR. SCAFE told MR. BENNETT that he had had no other complaints from people in that area, and that his pets were probably suffering from the after-effects from the CHEMSTAR Chemical explosion at nearby CARR-BROOK. Soon after MR. BENNETT's second cat died.

DR. GOURLEY recalled a similar case to MR. BENNETT's and put him in touch with ERIKA WRAZIN who lives on the MOTTRAM RISE estate in STALYBRIDGE. Eight months earlier one of her pedigree dogs and two of her cats had died in exactly the same circumstances as MR. BENNETTS pets, shortly after being fed with meat from CAVALIER. MRS. WRAZIN had contacted MR. SCAFE at the time, and she was now in contact with NEDA HEYWOOD of SADDLE-WORTH another CAVALIER customer whose pets had died. The three of them agreed to contact the EVENING NEWS and THE REPORTER who ran a watered-down version of their story (see inset). They didn't mention any possible connection with CAVALIER MEAT.

Their articles produced phone calls and letters from pet owners ▷

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FROM AN ASHTON WHOLESALE

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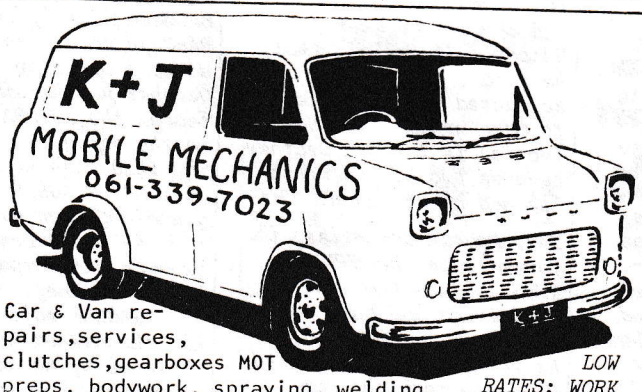

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AFTER TALKING TO VETS AND PET OWNERS WE RANG MR. DAVID SCAFE OWNER OF CAVALIER PET FOODS AND MR. BOLTON A PARTNER IN ASHTON PORK AND MEAT SUPPLIES OF SOUTH ST. ASHTON.

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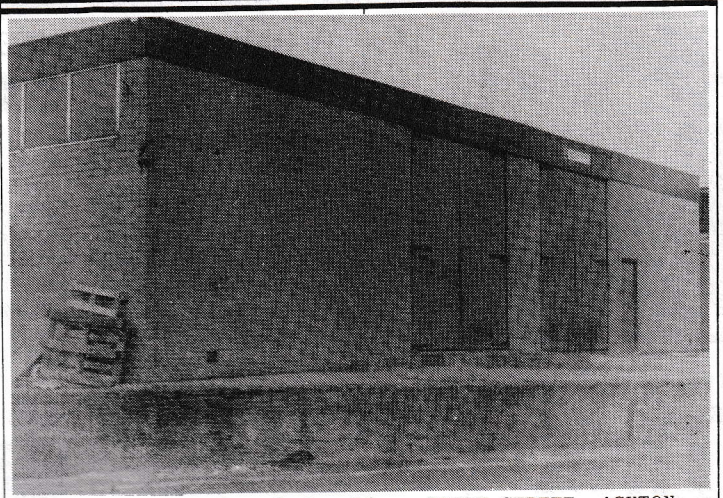
MR. & MRS. HODGESON of MIDDLETON bought pet ▷

food from CAVALIER on DEC.8th but didn't open it until after Christmas. On New Year's day the first of their three cats died. The other two followed within days. They all exhibited the same symptoms as MR. BENNETTS, MRS. WRAZIN's and NEDA HEYWOOD's pets.

MRS. HODGESON's vet MRS. LIZ SIMMS had also bought food from CAVALIER for a period of nine months without trouble until she opened and used a batch that arrived in mid-January. Three kittens died within hours MRS. SIMMS immediately got in touch with DAVID SCAFE who took the meat back saying he was going to feed his own pets with it. MR.SCAFE told MRS. SIMMS that he had got that particular batch of meat from ASHTON MEAT AND PORK SUPPLIES LTD of GUIDE BRIDGE. He also assured her that his meat was "*fit for human consumption*". MRS. SIMMS has no doubt that her pets died from some sort of poisoning. This view is shared by DR. GOURLEY and a lady pet owner in STOCKPORT who is a biochemist and conducted her own autopsy on her dead pet, and "burnt her hand" on the contents of the stomach. When I spoke to MRS. SIMMS she insisted that there was as yet NO ABSOLUTE SCIENTIFIC PROOF that the source of the poison was in the meat from CAVALIER. △



Ashton Meat and Pork Supplies, SOUTH STREET, ASHTON.

MRS. SIMMS was however equally concerned to point to the "heavy weight of circumstantial evidence" pointing to the CAVALIER meat.

MRS. SIMMS keeps and feeds 24 breeding adult cats. The three kittens that died were the only ones to have been fed on meat from CAVALIER.
ERIKA WRAZIN of MOTTRAM RISE also had pets who were not fed on CAVALIER food and were also unaffected.

MRS. SIMMS has so far included 30 pet deaths where the evidence is similarly weighty, in a dossier she has collected.

Tests are currently being undertaken in several laboratories to establish whether the meat was poisoned. But there are literally hundreds of possible poisons and the process of elimination is a lengthy one. □

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SMITH BROS

STINK

If you've ever complained to TAMESIDE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT. about the excremental pong from the SMITH BROS. offal works in HYDE, you may be interested to know that 285 other people complained between Sept. 1980 and Sept. '81. And the complaining rate is going up. In Sept. '80 only 43 folk were driven to complain. Last Sept. it had doubled to 83 according to official TAMESIDE statistics. But only one complaint was actually listed in the COUNCIL's Pollution Control Register.

Meanwhile, the SMITHS who live in bijou houses round-about GEE CROSS in HYDE continue to ply their smelly trade.□

ICI HYDE

PAY-OUTS

WORKERS AT ICI HYDE MAY FIND THE PATERNALISTIC IMAGE OF THE FIRM TARNISHED BY ITS ATTITUDE TO THE PEOPLE SUFFERING APPALLING SIDE-EFFECTS FROM ONE OF THE MANY DRUGS IT MANUAFACTURES. OVER 200 AWAIT COMPENSATION.

In the late 1960's ICI began to market ERALDIN a heart treatment drug. Although early clinical trials showed ERALDIN to be free from side effects, the drug was withdrawn by ICI in 1975, following a number of cases where it had seriously damaged patients.
The drug has been responsible for symptoms of 'dry-eye' which can cause blindness, deafness, a severe skin condition, sclerosing peritonitis and fibrosis around the heart and lungs.

ICI has never accepted legal liability for the damage to ERALDIN victims and has never been challenged in the courts.

However, in 1976, the firm set up its own compensation scheme. About 2,600 claims have been made on ICI. 1,300 have been paid out of the scheme, but a further 1,100 have been turned down, *and 200 are still outstanding*. Many of these people have been trying to prove their cases for years, but have had difficulty proving their problems were caused by ERALDIN.

Although ICI claim that they 'bend over back - wards in favour of the patient' and give claimants the benefit of the doubt, this is not so generous as it sounds. ICI will only rule in favour of the patient when a disagreement exists between experts. If the patient's own G.P. believes symptoms to be caused by the drug, ICI will not favour the claim unless it is backed up by the opinion of a specialist.
ICI therefore acts as judge and jury in its own case. Although the specialists consulted are independent, it is ICI who make the final interpretation of the consultant's opinions.

Complainants are understandably very angry and are not at all impressed by ICI's popular image as a caring and responsible company.□

GIBBS & RUSTAGE

GIBBS & RUSTAGE LTD., the small DUKINFIELD toolmakers based at ALBERT WORKS, Victoria Road, are playing a curious game. In the past year they have advertised, on and off, a vacancy for a toolmaker. Yet they never actually seem to take someone on. One skilled worker has called on three separate occasions, only to be told there's no work. He suggested it's a clever way to create a good impression of go-ahead expansion in the papers.□

HIRE SERVICE SHOPS

$ OVERSEAS

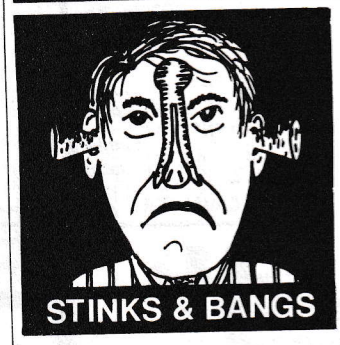
The Stamford St. ASHTON HIRE SERVICE SHOP is part of the massive SGB GROUP LTD., who have other HSS shops in OLDHAM, ROCHDALE, and the SGB Scaffolding Depot in nearby CLAYTON.
Last year, according to SGB Chairman NEVILLE CLIFFORD-JONES their 'overseas operations did extremely well *with excellent results in South Africa.*'

In fact, nearly £6 million out of the £15 million company trading profit came from abroad - which is exactly where 'it will be necessary for us to continue to direct both staff and finance.'
And the outlook at home? 'Gloomy.'□

Biggles Battles on

" I live in Tameside, and I'm disgusted my rates have helped pay for this pathetic show." THIS WAS THE VIEW OF MR. S.V.SEDGWICK, ONE OF LEON HOWARD'S EXPERT WITNESSES AT THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO LEON'S HELICO.

SEDGWICK was referring to the bumbling performances by TAMESIDE's solicitor PAUL HACKNEY,and his only witness, planner NIGEL ALLEN. The Inspector, MR. C.S. MACDONALD made scathing references to the vagueness of the original planning consent, as framed by TAMESIDE planners.
To defend his helicopter antics in MOSSLEY, LEON HOWARD had hired a firm of solicitors from Lincoln's Inn Field,LONDON. EYE's own legal expert estimates this must have knocked HELICO LTD back to the tune of £4,000! It could be months before there's an Official decision and years before there's any action.
An ominous sign for MOSSLEY is that the CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY have told HELICO they have no major objections to the Stamford Works site being used for Public Transport operations.□



Despite the installation of a brand new anti-pong device at the SENIOR SERVICE factory in HYDE, complaints against the nasty stink have not stoppped. In fact the company have managed to add reports of noise to the regular ones of the familiar niff.

All in all a noisy month for TAMESIDERS with complaints of noisy nocturnal goings on against WCB CONTAINERS LTD. of STALYBRIDGE, WELDEMS of MOSSLEY and OLDHAM BATTERIES of DENTON.
Those naughty boys of the RUGBY CLUB at in DUKINFIELD haven't helped matters with the row from their amplifiers.

A newcomer to STINKS & BANGS but no stranger to the EYE, SHARNAWARE LTD have been reported for discharging fumes from their DROYLSDEN factory.

But, CHEMSTAR, TAMESIDE's only self-destructing chemical factory have scored yet another first. Four months after putting CARRBROOK on the map and doing its best to wipe it off again - the ghost of old faithful has managed to make its way into STINKS & BANGS one last time. The 'cleaning up process,'it seems, has been a very smelly job.□

Almost There

The TAMESIDE part of the much-trumpeted SDP/LIBERAL ALLIANCE have jumped the gun. Theyve gone and produced a - wait for it - *policy document with which to capture the 19 council seats up for grabs in MAY.*

Impatient with the (understandable) reluctance of SHIRL, DAVID, WOY and CO. to actually spell out their policies, TAMESIDE have fearlessly gone ahead with a *sensible programme for recovery'.*
As far as one can tell, their aim is to keep ▷ rates down (hoorah!) by spending lots of money on setting up small businesses, on Social Services, on Education, etc. (Cheers!) But, the interesting part is the'recovery,' EYE has inside information that 'recovery' is the name of the SDP's soon-to-be patented and *sensible* cure for hangovers brought on by excessive consumption of bottles of good claret.□

Bon Appetit !

QUESTION: Where in TAMESIDE can you get a good sit-down meal of FISH, CHIPS and PEAS, A CUP OF TEA and SWEET WITH CUSTARD all for £1?

ANSWER: In the staff canteen in our councils £11m administrative DUSTBIN in ASHTON.

You're not supposed to eat there unless you work in THE DUSTBIN. But it's not difficult to get in and, after all, you are paying for THE DUSTBin aren't you ?□

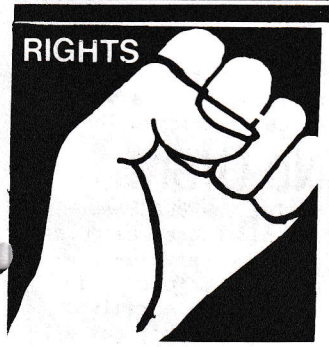
Pointless

GEORGE MELLING - the Assistant Director of HOUSING in TAMESIDE made an interesting statement the other week.
Commenting on the case of a homeless MOSSLEY lad who didn't have any of the necessary 'points' to qualify for a council house, he said, *"The points system is geared to people who already have somewhere to live - and because this applicant is technically homeless, he has not received any points."*

In fact, the TAMESIDE WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT confirmed, persons seeking council accomodation in TAMESIDE have little chance of success unless they are a 'vulnerable, homeless family.' Single persons and childless couples do not receive priority on the housing list and people living in inferior housing receive higher priority than those who are actually homeless.
The fault doesn't lie with TAMESIDE COUNCIL. The problem is nationwide because of TORY housing cuts.
The waiting list for council accomodation in TAMESIDE is currently 7,000. Lack of money dictates that single persons will only get housing if they are very seriously ill.□

Confidence Crisis

TAMESIDE COUNCIL is appealing against a court order forcing them to release confidential psychology files on a pupil who attacked and injured a local teacher.
Although the teacher's claim will be covered by insurance, the council feels that the issue of access to confidential reports is a matter of principle.
Neither the council nor Tameside NUT felt able to comment on the case.□



Fuel cut off in 770 homes

'Gas tax' will keep bills rising, union

prices were 20 per cent higher than they need be.

By Peter Hildrew, Northern Labour Correspondent

bring 'restrict boards' plea

Department of asked for this to be stopped.

gas cut-offs

Help with Heating Costs

Gas and electricity are extremely expensive for all of us, especially those on supplementary benefit.

But there <u>are</u> ways of getting <u>help</u> with the bills, either by weekly additions to your benefit, or single payments for special needs.

ADDITIONS You can get extra benefit of £1.65 per week if you are over 70, <u>or</u> have a child under 5, <u>or</u> have an illness which means you must keep warm (such as arthritis, rheumatism or bronchitis), <u>or</u> you do not walk too well, <u>or</u> your house is very difficult to heat (e.g. it is damp) <u>or</u> you have central heating and your house has up to 4 rooms in it (incl. the kitchen but excluding the bathroom, toilet or hall).

You can get £3.30 per week if you have central heating and your house has 5 or more rooms.

And you can get £4.05 weekly if you claim an Attendance or Mobility Allowance, <u>or</u> are housebound <u>or</u> bed-ridden, <u>or</u> are so ill you need the same temperature day and night <u>or</u> your house is exceptionally difficult to heat (eg because it is very old or exposed).

If your heating is in with your rent, they will pay you the difference between what you actually pay and £5.10 if you just have central heating, £5.70 for heating and hot water, £6.30 for heating hot water and cooking, and £6.70 if lighting is also thrown in.

SINGLE PAYMENTS If you have under £300 in savings you <u>can</u> get help to pay for things like extra blankets and sheets to keep warm, a hot water bottle if you are elderly, or infirm, draught-proofing materials and insulation jackets.

If you can't pay your bill because you've just moved and find the heating has changed you can get help.

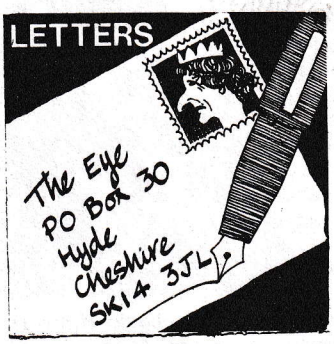
BAD WEATHER Because of the terrible winter we've had, you can also get help with paying your bills if you cannot afford them and your consumption has been greater than normal.

If you have a record of what your bill was for the same period last year it will help.

REMEMBER 1. If in doubt, claim.

2. If you claim and get turned down you can appeal.

3. If in doubt, seek advice! □



Select

DEAR EYE,

There was a time when TAMESIDE EYE was interested in telling the truth and not just being as scandalous as possible. Those days have, apparently, long gone.

I refer particularly to the article in last EYE in the 'In Council' section under the heading 'Ungodly Squeeze'.
In the article you accuse councillor GLYN FORD and councillor PETER BAILEY of attempting to be selected for the GODLEY WARD to fight May's municipal elections instead of councillor ANNE BOOTH.

I know that you are aware of the values governing the selection of candidates in municipal elections so I can only assume your article was pure mischief making.
For the benefit of your readers I will briefly describe the procedure.
1. In Nov. of each year the District Labour Party compile a 'panel' of members who wish to be considered for municipal service.
2. In Dec. of each year each Ward meets and short lists at least three members of the panel who they wish to interview.

PHIL "Trimline" TOMLINSON

Members of the branch can shortlist anybody on the Tameside panel.
3. In Jan. of the following year branch meets again and interviews the candidates on the shortlist and then votes who they wish to be next Ward's candidate.

Stimulating

It is not surprising that more prominent members of the panel (e.g. Chairman of committee etc) are invited to attend several selection meetings. I know that both councillors FORD and BAILEY are interesting and stimulating speakers which goes a long way to explain their presence on GODLEY Ward's short list.

GLYN "J.R." FORD.

For your information my own Ward, MOSSLEY has invited Councillor GEOFF BRIERLEY, ANDREW FOGG, a young member from DENTON and FRANK ROBINSON a member for STALYBRIDGE to our selection meeting. We are looking forward to an interesting and stimulating discussion at our Branch meeting.

PHIL TOMLINSON
District Labour Party
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Deans Again

DEAR EYE,

I was amazed to read your article about ROGER and JOHN DEAN (EYE 30 - " All we want is our rent" Ed.) I had no idea that these two rogues were still in business.

In 1967 my husband agreed to buy a small house from 'Milton Engineering Ltd.' for £625. At the time we did not know that this was a DEAN company.

We bought the house under a 'rental mortgage' which meant we made no deposit, paid a rent of £3 per week and only got the deeds when we had paid the full purchase price.
Until then the DEAN's owned the house and could repossess it if we ever failed to make payments.

Inexperienced

We were young and inexperienced and were easily persuaded by ROGER DEAN to use his own solicitor who, he said, would not charge us. This solicitor turned out to be ROGER's brother JOHN DEAN (A Director of Milton Engineering at the time - Ed).

JOHN DEAN didn't give my husband a copy of the agreement he had signed. We didn't even get a proper rent book.
ROGER DEAN collected every fortnight, and we had to pay our own rates.

Shortly after we moved my husband was sent to prison, and I had to fend for myself.
Social Security refused to pay me rent because they said it was a mortgage. I got £8 a week to feed and clothe three children and myself and had to pay £3 of it to ROGER and JOHN DEAN.

My mother asked the DEAN's if they would accept £2 a week until my husband came home but ROGER DEAN insisted I pay in full or he would repossess the house.

I was terrified. I went to see a solicitor.
He shook his head, smiled at my innocence and said that this kind of thing happened regularly.
He warned me not to leave my home at any time because the DEANS would try to break in and change the locks.
I then bought a large alsatian dog. ROGER DEAN never came to the house again and the rents were only collected once every six or eight weeks.

Meanwhile, my solicitor was trying to get hold of the deeds.
It took him six years.
He was given a multitude of excuses.

* JOHN DEAN was no longer their solicitor

* MILTON ENGINEERING had been dissolved (That was a lie it had simply changed it's name to MILTON PROPERTIES - Ed.)

* A fire in the offices had 'destroyed' the papers.

Then, suddenly, the Deeds arrived, minus a vital piece of information.

No Grant

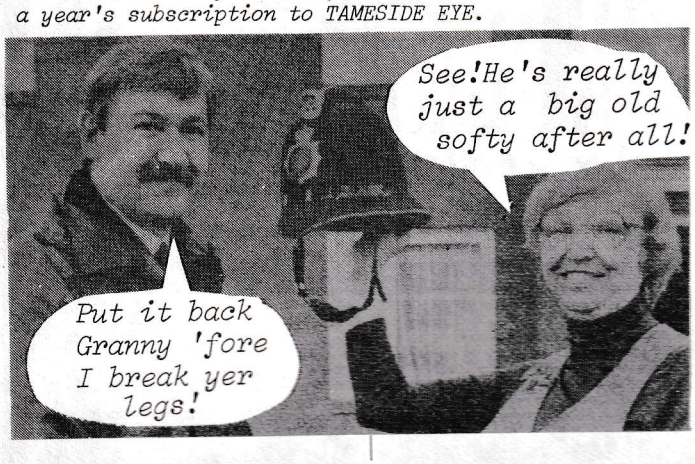
Whilst the DEANS delayed our old house was deteriorating in value. We couldn't afford to do the repairs ourselves and we couldn't get a council grant because we didn't have the deeds.

Our family was growing and we had to move into a rented council house. Two years later a Housing Association bought our old DEAN property. But out of the money we got we had to pay several hundreds of pounds to our solicitors because of the DEANS delaying tactics and what was left was not enough for a deposit on another bigger house. My husband no longer earns enough to get a mortgage, and our chances of owning a house of our own have gone thanks to the DEANS.

MRS. M. BENTLEY,
1 STAPLEFORD WALK, DENTON.

BUBBLES!

MR. R.I. ANKER of 21 Moorgate Rd, CARRBROOK who wins a year's subscription to TAMESIDE EYE.



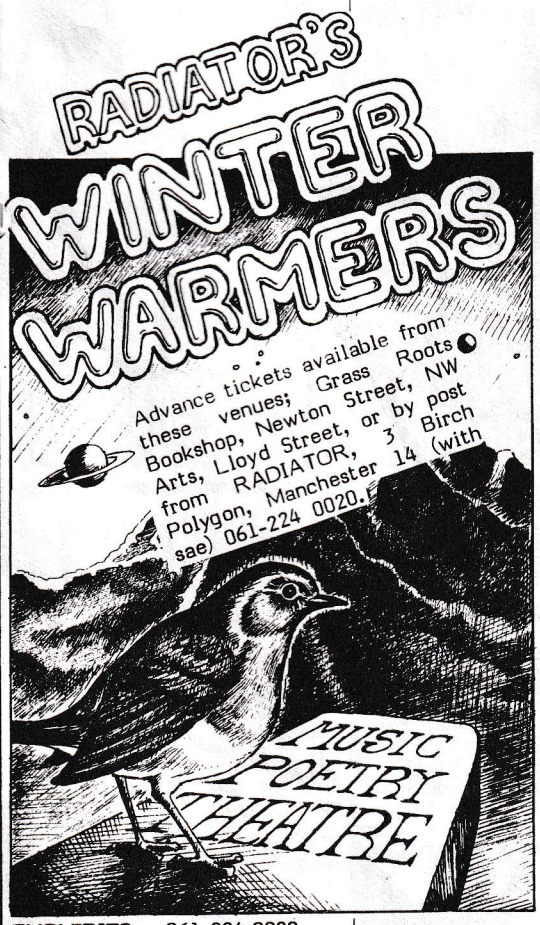
Hallo Readers!

My dear old friend, DONALD FLETCHER BURDON (115) of the HYDE ROTARY CLUB has been making world-wide headlines in THE REPORTER recently with his plan to initiate his own personal KISSINGER style SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY between Soviet leader LEONID BREZHNEV (133), and U.S. President RONALD REAGAN (245).

I immediately rang up LENNIE and RON who both expressed grave concern about DON's imminent visit. They'd both read in the NORTH CHESHIRE HERALD about the HYDE ROTARY's plan to erect HEATH ROBINSON style fountains all over TAMESIDE and were terrified that DON was intending putting up similar eye-sores all over RED SQUARE and WASHINGTON D.C.□

....this month's BUBBLES.....

More silly constabulary folk in this months BUBBLES What IS the gentleman plod thinking? And what are his three lady friends saying? Answers please to PO BOX 30, HYDE CHESHIRE. Winner gets a years free supply of TAMESIDE EYE, runner up gets an 'I never read TAMESIDE EYE' badge for wearing at your local masonic lodge trousers up!□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INCUBUS THEATRE
the revenger's comedy Tues-Wed Mar 9-10 8pm Lesser Free Trade Hall *£2.00 (£1.50)*

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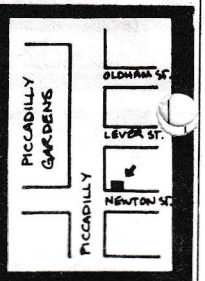

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